



The Mayor and the Manager Go to the Movies: Municipal Lessons from Cinema

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Movies – like all storytelling – can make us think, laugh, cry, or wonder why the story went so long. We both enjoy movies – and sometimes – see life lessons in their stories.

Whether it is the conflict the story is sending us thru, the character development we see over time, or it is just entertainment. Movies may have some municipal government lessons. Or maybe not. Let's see...

Spoiler Alert – we are going to talk about these movies and sometimes give away their plot twists or endings.

The movies, actors or plot do not represent our political views, opinions nor reflect current thinking. We apologize in advance for the language.

Let's go to the movies!





Old Testament, Mr. Mayor.







Brody. Sick vandalism.



Governing through a Crisis

General Welfare Commerce vs. Public Safety

Balancing Values





• Trust is the Coin of the Realm

Trusting other Governments

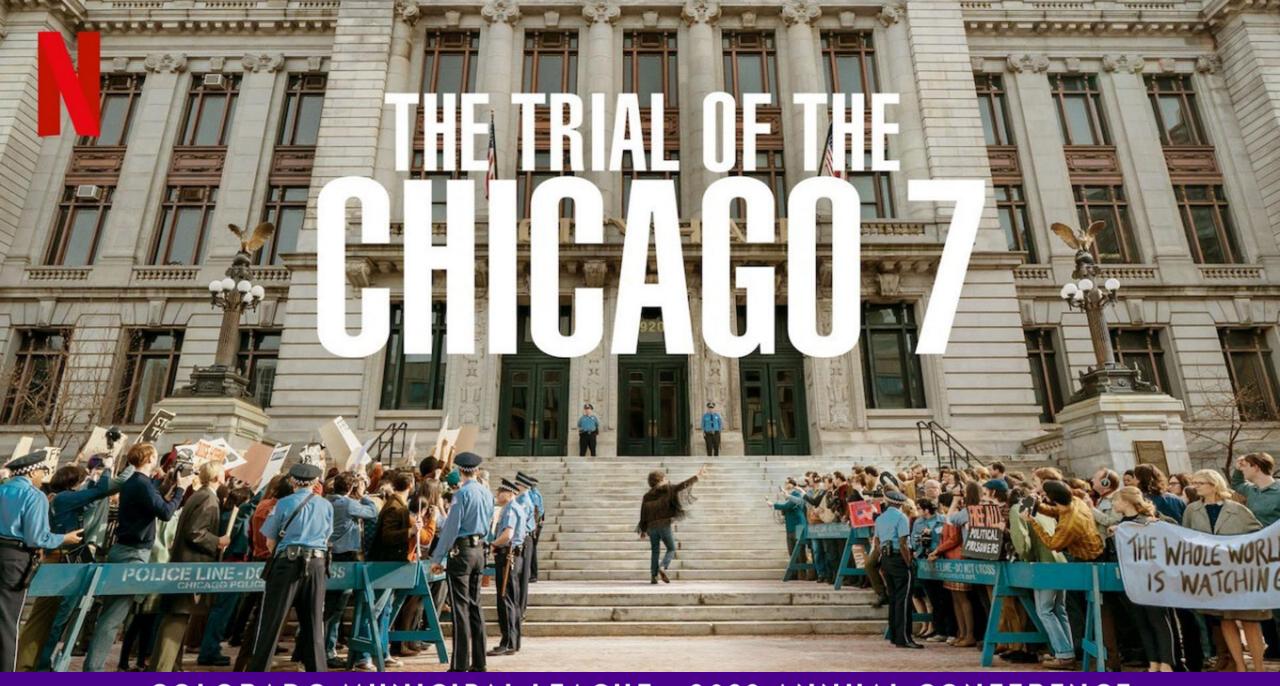
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• Even in a Galaxy Far, Far Away, Local Government Can be Tough



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Getting Elected - obvious key to Power.

Not enough to be right, you have to get elected – stay elected – to get things done.

 Do you have the same values as an elected official versus a candidate?





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Humility in Power - All Glory is Fleeting

- "The Graveyards are full of indispensable people."
 Attr. Charles de Gaulle
- Taking the job seriously, but not always so much of yourself
- Good councils are governed by principles, bad councils are governed by Personalities
- We are public servants, not perfect servants



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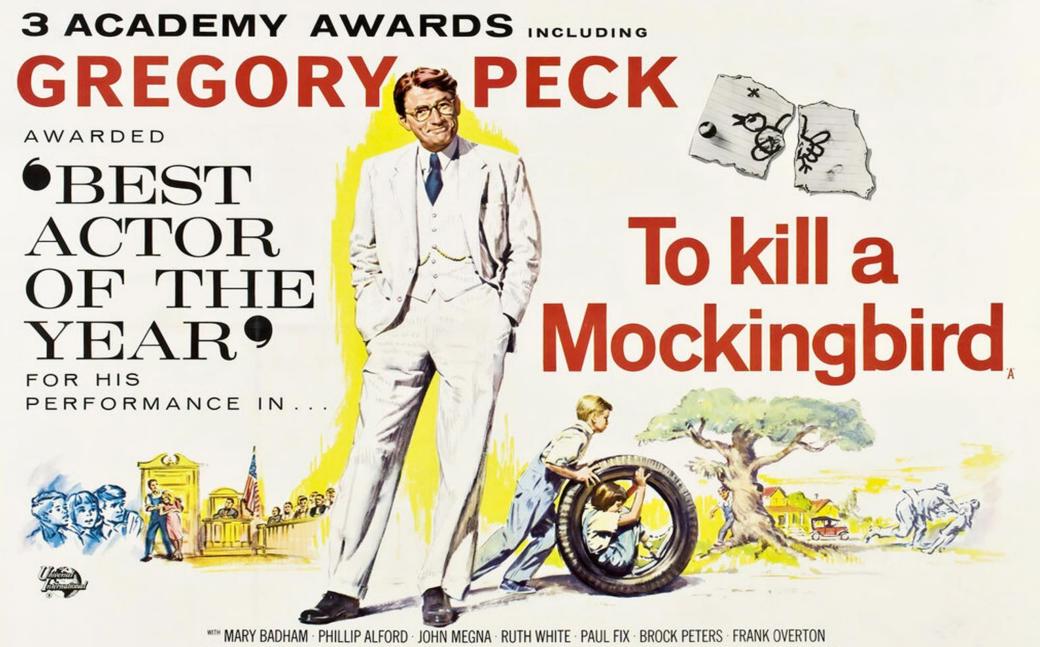


• This is the West. When the Legend becomes Fact, print the Legend.

• Truth. Compass set on values.

 Public perception of what you are doing versus what you can actually accomplish

Managing the public's expectations



Screenplay by HORTON FOOTE - Based upon HARPER LEE'S novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" - Directed by ROBERT MULLIGAN Produced by - ALAN PAKULA - Music by ELMER BERNSTEIN



The Importance of Empathy

- "The ability to understand and share the feelings of another."
- "If you learn a single trick Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view. Till you climb inside of his skin, walk around in it."
- Hear the other side. Truly understand the background and history.

Credits

- Ghostbusters Columbia Pictures, 1984
- Jaws Universal Pictures, 1975
- Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back Lucasfilm Ltd/20th Century Fox, 1980
- Blazing Saddles Crossbow Productions/Warner Bros., 1974
- The Trial of Chicago 7 Dreamworks Pictures/Paramount Pictures, 2020
- Patton 20th Century Fox, 1970
- The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance Paramount Pictures/John Ford Productions, 1962
- To Kill a Mockingbird Universal Pictures/Brentwood Productions, 1963





THANK YOU

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